

Marco Lutheran Church

THE SHIP'S MESSENGER

November 2022



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Pastor Tom Boeck

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. Psalm 188:19-21(ESV)

Entering the Gate of Righteousness to Give Thanks, A Vision for the Future

I'm sure it's no surprise to anyone that the theme for this month's newsletter article is Thanksgiving. And why wouldn't it be? We certainly can always rattle off a list of people and things in our lives for which we are grateful to God. This year we have the most obvious issue for which to be grateful: that for the most part, Marco Island and much of SE Naples was spared the ravages of Ian. While some of our friends and neighbors on Isles of Capri took a major loss of property damage and many of us lost our cars due to flooding, from a health and safety standpoint we were truly spared. We suffered no loss of life or limb, and we now have the ability to repair and rebuild by God's grace.

So, in the aftermath of Ian and during this long recovery period, some of us have experienced a similar feeling to what is often referred to by mental health professionals as "survivor's guilt." Some of us wonder why we got off so easy compared to our friends and neighbors. We're aware that a large swath of property around 6th Avenue and the Marco Lakes communities suffered tragic property loss, but we were spared. We ask ourselves "why?" For that question we may not have a clear understanding. But what we do know is what the

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

(Pastor Tom continued)

psalmist points out to us, and that is that we can enter the gates of righteousness and give thanks to our Lord for sparing us and for giving us the opportunity to use this tragic event to help others in our community and in adjacent communities where the love of Jesus may be felt through our efforts.

God answered our prayers for protection, and He provided us with great opportunity to serve others through our righteous, generous acts of caring and compassion for those who are hurting. We have so much for which to be grateful. Mostly, we are grateful for the salvation we have been given through Jesus' death and resurrection on our behalf.

Through His forgiveness and salvation, we can enter God's righteous gate to express our thanks, because we have been made righteous by Jesus!

We are concluding with our collections for the military troops and Operation Christmas Child.

And now, in the month of November, we will encourage one another to fill "Blessing Bags" which will be used to provide a Thanksgiving meal to people in our community who have food insecurities. We anticipate this year to have greater demand in the aftermath of Ian, so we ask you to be generous. We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing.

Also because of the devastation of Hurricane Ian, Zion Lutheran Church will be unable to hold their annual end-of-year fundraiser for Amigos Ministries of SW Florida (AMOS).

None if the other circuit churches up in that

area, including Ft Myers, Cape Coral, Bonita, or even Naples had facilities that could accommodate their needs. With Amigos being an important ministry and mission of our LCMS Circuit churches, our lack of damage meant that our Great Room could be made available for this event. Because we were spared, we now have an opportunity to help the people of Immokalee and Amigos Ministries in a way that we otherwise would not. While we will continue to collect for AMIGOS in the new year as part of our 50th anniversary celebration as a church, this will be a special situation for us to have a Christmas-themed Gala on December 9 on which we will help raise ministry and mission funds for this very important mission of the church, while elevating general awareness of the good that the ministry does in our local community.

Let us give thanks through our righteousness, as we forge a continuing future of love and service for God's people in our community.



****To donate toward local hurricane assistance and repairs, please make checks payable to "Marco Lutheran Church" with "Hurricane relief" listed on the memo line. Donations may also be made online through the website or GivePlus app.***



Christmas Gala

To Help those who help us...

A Fundraiser for

AMIGOS MINISTRIES OF SWFL

in Immokalee

Friday, December 9, 2022

7:00—10:00 p.m.

Marco Lutheran Church

\$30 per person

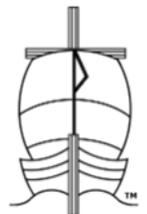
- Wonderful Entertainment
- Silent Auction
(great items for Christmas presents!)
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Beer & Wine bar
- Coffee & Dessert Bar

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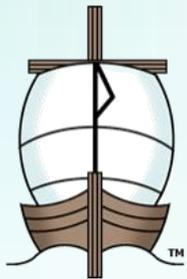
By Bob Harrison



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our northern members back to Naples and Marco Island. I hope that everyone was spared any damage from Hurricane Ian.

As most of you are aware Marco Lutheran did not sustain any serious damage. A lot of this good fortune was due to our being able to install a new roof, hurricane glass and Seawall.

I want to ask you all to please plan on coming to the November 13 Congregational Meeting. We will need to approve the 2023 budget and get your input on our plans for the coming year. See you all in church!



Watch the Worship service anywhere and at anytime with any device that connects to the Internet.



Services are streamed “live” and are archived for later viewing. Use your computer, tablet, mobile phone or smart TV.

On our website at: www.marcolutheran.org

- 1 Click on  “CLICK HERE for our video page” to get to the page with the videos.
- 2 On The VIDEO STREAMING page, click on the worship image to start the video.

Recent and older videos are available to watch on the same webpage.

You can follow along with each Worship Service using bulletins that are always available located on the website’s “What’s Happening” page





Happy
THANKSGIVING
We Welcome You!

**Don't want to cook? Join us
for a fun filled, food filled
Thanksgiving Day Dinner!**

Dinner is free, but PLEASE sign up to bring a side dish on the sign up sheet in the hallway. We will provide the turkey and gravy, rolls, coffee, iced tea & water!

SIDE DISHES

Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Veggies, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin pies/desserts

**Dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. in the Great Room
with coffee, desserts and a movie to follow!**



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MUSIC NOTES

BY Craig Greusel

TIME TO CELEBRATE (VERSION FIVE THAT IS!!!)

Get your tickets for our fifth annual CELEBRATE performances on November 30 and December 1st at 7:00 p.m. Our community sing along is back to ring in the reason for the season. Led by the MLC Choir, this evening is a wonderful way to welcome in the Holiday Spirit. As a staple event for Christmas Island Style, this outreach opportunity is a fun night of fellowship and entertainment for all...

THIS YEAR WE HAVE TAKEN IT UP A NOTCH!!! As a special addition to our 25th Season of the ARTIST SERIES, we are bringing in world renowned performing artist Peter Mayer with his STARS AND PROMISES Holiday program as our featured guests for this year's CELEBRATE performances.

Peter Mayer is a guitarist, vocalist, songwriter, touring musician and recording artist in Nashville, Tennessee. With his unique writing style, distinctive voice and virtuoso musicianship, Mayer creates compelling and soulful music for an electrifying live performance. Mayer has released 25 albums to date and tours year round with the Peter Mayer Group.

He is the lead guitarist in Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band and has shared the stage with a regalia of bright lights in the music industry including: James Taylor, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, Don Henley, Dave Matthews, Joe Walsh, and many others.

As a young child in Tamilnadu India (where his parents were Lutheran Missionaries), Peter Mayer had a passion for music. Drawing on musical influences from his eastern and western upbringing, Mayer's music freely travels over diverse harmonic, melodic and lyrical roads from The Beatles, rock 'n roll, church hymns, classical music, pop, and his years of studying jazz guitar. After moving back to the United States, he went on to study formal theory and composition and taught jazz guitar as a faculty member at Webster University.

Mayer began touring with Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer band in 1988 as lead guitarist, a position that he holds to this day. He regularly tours with his own bands, including Peter Mayer Group, Peter Mayer's Songs of Faith, Peter & Brendan and Stars & Promises Christmas.

GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THEY ARE ALL GONE...

Other Upcoming MUSICAL EVENTS:

Take a Trip to Naples to be a part of TUBA CHRISTMAS on Fifth Avenue. Our Music Director Craig Greusel will lead the singing with more than 60 TUBISTS starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 in front of the Sugden Theater.

Join us at the Esplanade on Thursday, December 15 for C.A.R.O.L. (Come and Rejoice Out Loud). This is a Super way to Spread the Good News through singing to our community.

And Finally, Get Ready for Christmas Eve!!! 2 services 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on December 24.... And remember, Christmas Day is on Sunday this year... See you and Hear You!

STEWARDSHIP

By Linda Harrison

Be Thankful!

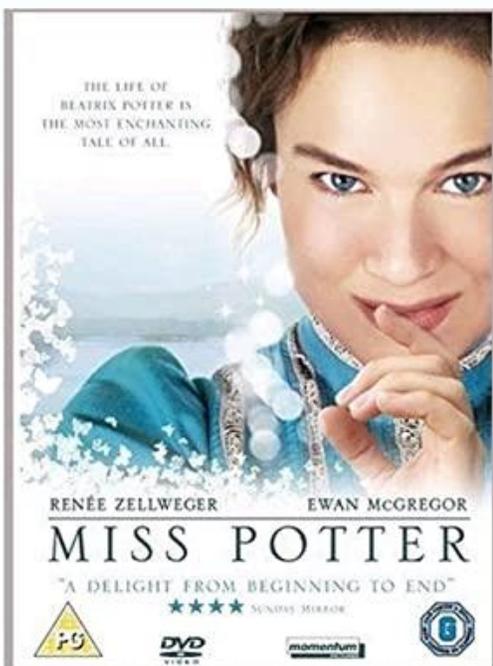
Look around you and be thankful. Although some of us may have gotten some damage from Hurricane Ian, the majority of the Marco Lutheran family has escaped any significant damage and, certainly, any loss of life. Our church building was safe due to the stewardship of a family that donated memorial funds to the church. Those funds were used to replace the roofs, install hurricane windows, and repair the seawall. God is good. And he has given us many gifts. Bob and I are thankful to be able to live comfortably here in Paradise, belong to a loving and nurturing congregation, have a wonderful family and group of friends, and have our health. What are you thankful for? Have you given thanks to God for the gifts and mercies he has given you? Stewardship is your response to those gifts and mercies. Take some time today to volunteer to help in some way – or write an extra check to support the many ministries Marco Lutheran Church offers.



Thank God for our congregation!

SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB

By Betty Fry



MOVIE:

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022
5:30 p.m. in the Conference room.**

An epic of the era, Miss Potter (played by Renee Zellweger) is a story of love, sorrow and triumph. It's about striving for ones own goals and finding happiness along the way. Beatrix's most famous characters are brought to life revealing how the imaginary world of her stories was inspired by her real life and the people and the places in it.

The film received generally positive reviews, and Zellweger was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical.

WOMEN OF MARCO

By Cindi Kramer

The Women of Marco's mission is to serve Marco Lutheran Church, our Community, and the world. We aim to do that through fellowship, kindness and respect for each other. All Women of the church are members of the Women of Marco, and we welcome you

The holidays are upon us! We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, November 21 beginning at 9:00. This is a great opportunity to get in the holiday spirit and help decorate, followed by a pizza & beer lunch.

What's Christmas without ugly Christmas sweaters? If you have one, wear it on December 11! W.O.M. will be hosting a Potluck Luncheon and Ugly Sweater Party following church services. It promises to be a good time for all with music by our own Craig Greusel, which is always a party!

Marco Lutheran Church is going to be 50 years old, and the WOM are creating an Anniversary Cookbook. If you would like to share your special family recipes maybe from your mom or grandmother, send the recipe and you can also send a small picture of your relative or a brief one or two sentence description. We will be collecting recipes now through the winter season, with anticipation that the book will be designed and constructed next summer. The preferred format is a WORD document to WomanofMarcoMLC@gmail.com, but you can also send your recipes to the church either drop them off or by mail c/o W.O.M.!

W.O.M. is looking for a chair/president for Marco Lutheran Church LWML (Lutheran Woman's Missionary League). Anyone interested, please contact Cindi Kramer:

cynthiaakramer@yahoo.com or 239-970-2091.

We still need to make more Chrismons for the large tree in the Great Room. Anyone interested is welcome to join us! We will show you how and supply the materials to allow us to continue to decorate the beautiful Christmas tree in The Women of Marco are sponsoring the Marco Lutheran Women's Christmas Luncheon again this year. It will be on Tuesday, December 6 in the Great Room, so mark your calendars. All women are invited!

The Rummage Sale volunteers have asked for your help in collecting hangars that have notches in shoulders designed for hanging straps or other small items. It was suggested when we purchase clothing to request it remain on the hangar, then donate those hangars for the rummage sale. Thank you for your help with this.



BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN OF THE WORD: Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Paused until after the first of the year

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: Meets every Thursday with fellowship at 9:30 and Class at 10:00 a.m.

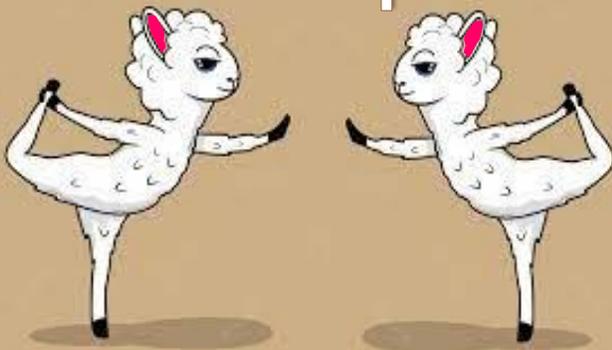
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every January—March after Worship at 10:45 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY AT ARTESIA: Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

YOGA

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**Mondays & Thursdays
at 12:30 p.m.**



- chair -

**Mondays & Thursdays
at 2:00 p.m.**

\$5 per session—No registration



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Why not join us on our mission to bring comfort, peace and calm to those we serve! We offer a wide variety of volunteering positions for every interest, schedule, experience level and talent set. Together, we can change moments and change lives.

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SAILING SOLO

By Nancy Piper

We were back in the church for our **October** monthly meeting. We had fun, got our picture taken, ate some amazing food prepared by Carmen, got caught up with our friends and signed up for upcoming events.



Our **November** meeting will be on the 27th and we have a fall get-together planned.



Our **December** meeting is our annual Christmas luncheon. **BUT** we are doing something different this year. With all the devastation we see with *Hurricane Ian* and those in need we decided to gather with our friends in a refreshment get-together.

Wednesday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

\$30.00/per person with \$20.00 going to *Collier County Salvation Army* for Emergency Housing and \$10.00 to Sailing Solo for the refreshments.

We ask that you pay at the November 27 Sunday Event, **BUT** we would like an approx. count of how many will attend so we can plan for decorations, food and Great Door Prizes as usual! Please email Sue Chapin to reserve your place! schapin43@aol.com

Sailing Solo is Marco Lutheran Church's singles ministry that meets on the 4th Sunday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Join us for lots of good fellowship and fun! For more information, please call 239-394-0332 or visit our webpage at: www.marcolutheran.org/sailing-solo

(Please make sure you have the hyphen between sailing-solo for our webpage.)

*The Women of Marco will be
decorating the Church for
Christmas on Monday,
November 21 beginning at
9:00. Volunteers are needed to
help and will be rewarded with
pizza & beer!*



BOARD OF HUMAN CARE

By Annette Bertelson

This month to highlight Thankfulness I would like to extend thanks to 3 of our outstanding board members.

Jan May, Betty Fry and Betty Clark have given of their talents for numerous years. They have provided support in sending cards, serving meals, sending words of encouragement in times of loss, and offering support in anyway they can. They are gifts from God to our church. Please thank them if you see them.

In the month of November, the Board of Human Care will be busy.

November 13 we will sponsor light snacks for the folks attending the congregational meeting following church service.

November 20 there will be Fellowship in the narthex after church. Please join us for coffee/ donuts and meet your fellow members.

November 27 there will be light snacks after the Advent Sing-along

Heads up to all you bakers: We will be doing a cookie exchange on December 13. Start pulling out your favorite recipe and tuning up your baking skills! More information to follow later in November.

Our next meeting is November 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir room. It is prior to the All-Board meeting which you are welcome to attend. If you are interested in learning more about our group, please join us. If you'd like to be part of activity planning or are willing to help from time to time, please give Annette Bertelson a call at 262-313-8006.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Karlin	Nov 1
Linda Derleth	Nov 2
Georgiana Matz	Nov 2
John Moyer	Nov 2
Dave Raftis	Nov 2
Loy Zalecky	Nov 2
Douglas Knox	Nov 3
Lynne Holmes	Nov 4
Shirley McLaughlin	Nov 4
Keith Baasch	Nov 5
Louise Hoffman	Nov 5
Richard Knoll	Nov 7
Linda Harrison	Nov 8
Kitty Argobright	Nov 9
Wayne France	Nov 9
Jere Draper	Nov 10
Joyce Fenelon	Nov 10
Grace Herr	Nov 10
Dennis Johnson	Nov 10
Darlene Miller	Nov 10
Roger Boisse	Nov 11
Granville Thompson	Nov 11
Sharon Griffith	Nov 12
Norva Jeanne Rooksberry	Nov 13

Joyce Maxfield	Nov 14
Annette Bertelson	Nov 16
Sandy Draper	Nov 16
Dan Lange	Nov 16
John Schadler	Nov 17
Margit France	Nov 18
Anika Lapinoja	Nov 18
Karen Warriner	Nov 18
Bob Volatile	Nov 19
Donald Leshar	Nov 20
Joyce Coose	Nov 21
Wade Keller	Nov 21
William Greaves	Nov 23
Walter Jaskiewicz	Nov 23
Harry Rubash	Nov 23
Phillip Kostelnik	Nov 24
Dennis Hess	Nov 26
Carole Hodgson	Nov 26
Allan Liebrez	Nov 26
Marie Mahr	Nov 26
Marilyn Kostelnik	Nov 28
Sandy Anderson	Nov 29
Gail Cacciola	Nov 30
Dick Clark	Nov 30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Phyllis Johnson	Nov 6
John & Mary Moyer	Nov 6
Walter & Barbra Jaskiewicz	Nov 8
Gary & Carole Zimmerman	Nov 11
Bob & Anita Chaney	Nov 13
Karl & Mary Blomgren	Nov 19
Kevin & Betsy Sabbides	Nov 21
Joe & Louise Hoffman	Nov 24
Dick & Helen Clark	Nov 26
Bob & Linda Harrison	Nov 29

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Larry Soccio, Facilities Manager	239-394-0332
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Office open Monday -Thursday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.



VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

AN OUTREACH ACTIVITY OF MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dr. Gregory Seltz

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, Washington D.C.

FREE LECTURE SERIES!

November 4, 5, & 6

On Marco Island, at Marco Lutheran Church



GOD AT WORK

OUR 2KG CITIZENSHIP FOR THE SAKE OF THE CULTURE AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

By Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, Executive Director,
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, Washington D.C.

The American context in the 21st century is increasingly antagonistic to the message and ministry of the Church. These lectures delineate the attacks on the religious liberty of the Church and the present cultural/political challenges to the Church in the American context. These presentations also describe the incredible opportunity that such challenges create for a robust, Two-Kingdom engagement for the sake of the culture and the mission of the Church. Indeed, the Church must exercise its unique voice, putting our temporal liberties to work for the sake of sharing the eternal liberties of Christ.

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| LECTURE ONE – | Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m.– | Freedom Is a Biblical Ideal/Reality |
| LECTURE TWO – | Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10:00 a.m. – | The Unique Challenges and Opportunities In The American Context |
| LECTURE THREE – | Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m. – | Christian Confidence When Worldviews Collide |
| LECTURE FOUR – | Sunday, Nov. 6 at 10:45 a.m. – | Spiritual First Responders
Discipleship For 21 st Ministry |

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Marco Lutheran Church's Artist Series Presents

Celebrate V

**5th annual Evening of Community Christmas
Featuring the 23rd Anniversary of Peter Mayer's**

STARS & PROMISES
CHRISTMAS TOUR

Along with the Marco Lutheran Choirs

PERFORMANCES:

**Wednesday, November 30 and
Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Marco Lutheran Church's Great Room**

Assigned seating

\$30 per person

Doors open at 6:305

Net Proceeds will support Christmas Feeding Missions

Tickets on sale at the Artist Series Ticket Desk beginning Tuesday, September 6
and Sundays beginning September 11 immediately after service.

Mail in order form: www.marcolutheran.org/announcements

ABOUT PETER MAYER: STARS & PROMISES

The "Stars & Promises" concerts are engaging live performances and made memorable with state-of-the-art sound and production. "Stars & Promises" brings its unique yuletide tradition to thousands of fans who have called this production, *"a Christmas show like no other!"*



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25th Anniversary Season

The Artist Series at Marco Lutheran

Maryellen Hooper & Joe Starr

Thu/Fri, Feb 2nd & 3rd - 7:30 pm

Two outstanding comedians in one show! Maryellen's account of life's little annoyances will leave you exhausted from laughter. You've seen Joe as Enzo on CBS's *Kevin Can Wait*. An old school comedian with a modern-day sensibility!

Mail in your Season Ticket order now!

Bachelors of Broadway

Thu/Fri, Feb 16th & 17th - 7:30 pm

The Gentlemen of the Theatre. Take a trio of dashing men, add soaring melodies from stage and screen, and then refine the sound with contemporary three-part harmony—you've got Bachelors of Broadway!

The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John starring Michael Cavanaugh

Thu/Fri, Mar 2nd & 3rd - 7:30 pm

Handpicked by Billy Joel to star in Broadway's *Moving Out*, Michael appeared for more than 3 years and 1200 performances earning him both Tony and Grammy nominations. Billboard calls him "The New Voice of the American Rock and Roll Songbook."

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Thu/Fri, Mar 9th & 10th - 7:30 pm; Sat, Mar 11th - 2 pm



Tony award winning musical comedy. Fast paced and wildly funny! Six middle-schoolers (all played by adults) vie for the spelling championship one hilarious word at a time. Directed by Craig Greusel; musical direction by Lucille Gaita.

Celebrating the Music of Neil Diamond

I am.....he said Thu/Fri, Mar 23rd & 24th - 7:30 pm



Matt along with cousins Jeff and Tommy Vee, sons of the legendary Bobby Vee, join forces to celebrate the music from a timeless catalog. This is a celebration of the soundtrack of five decades and an amazing musical team.

Season Tickets: All 5 shows - \$145/ticket
Make check payable to: Marco Lutheran Church
With "Artist Series" in the memo line and mail to:

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Indicate Thursday or Friday Series
And include a phone number

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Individual Show Tickets On Sale December 6th

Ticket Desk Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 2pm

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED DISCOVER MARCO AND WERE WELCOMED WITH A NEW MEMBER RECEPTION!



David & Connie Wuellner



Greg & Diane Waltrip

MARCO LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

By Karen Kuhnly

God's Blessings to all of you. Our prayer is each of you are safe from the severe impact Hurricane Ian had on SW Florida. God has provided for so many and it seems only fitting to highlight Our Daily Bread on Marco Island as one of the recipients of the Foundation Grant funds last February.

Our Daily Bread launched in 2016, they began serving the needs of school children on weekends by providing backpacks stuffed with food on Fridays.

Since then, they have grown their services to include a Saturday drive-through food pantry on Winterberry Drive, 15 mobile outreaches, a monthly Senior luncheon (Lunch with Friends) in partnership with the YMCA of Collier County, a Backpack Program for Manatee Elementary and Middle School as well as Marco Island Charter Middle School and a weekly Breakfast program for Marco Island Charter Middle School. Not to mention other strategic partnerships to provide for needs beyond nourishment.

Every project Our Daily Bread does is driven through their Mission Statement: Our Daily Bread Food Pantry exists to share the love of God by reducing hunger and building relationships in our community. Our Goal is to offer nourishing food choices, encouragement and hope.

I have attached a couple examples of their Outreach in our Community.

Senior Lunch (Lunch With Friends)

Once a month, the Pantry and the YMCA of Collier County invites our neighbors sixty (60) years old or older to **Lunch with Friends** right here at Marco Lutheran Church. Local restaurants graciously donate the meal and attendees enjoy a time of encouragement and fellowship.

Care and Share

Every month, the Pantry provides a nutritionally balanced box of canned fruits and vegetables, grains, protein, other nonperishable food and additional items as needed for the elderly through The Harry Chapin Food Bank Care and Share supplemental food program.

Our Daily Bread is one of many Food Pantries that are feeding the bellies of hungry people. We pray for their continued ministry as the need for feeding hungry people has grown with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

Sunday, November 13 @ 10:45 a.m.
2023 Budget Approval



Our Daily Bread
Food Pantry

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS OVER 60!

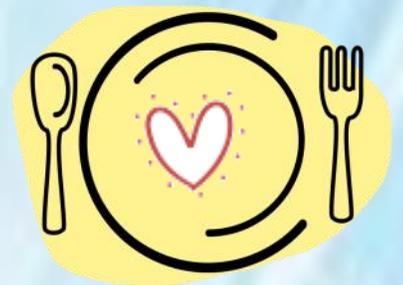
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

11:00 a.m.

at MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seating is limited, you must RSVP

239-259-5188 or lunchwithfriendsmarco@gmail.com



A partnership of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, and the South Collier YMCA

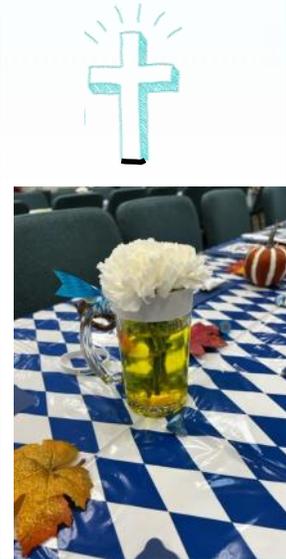
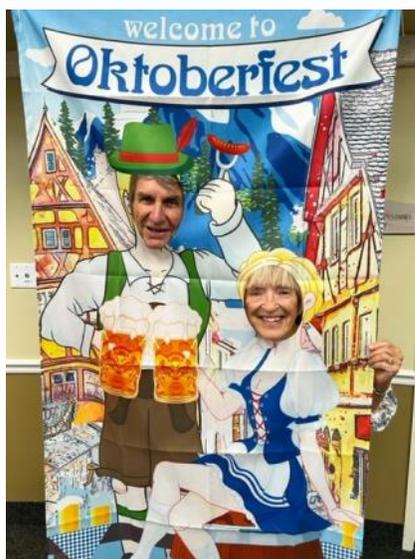
Oktoberfest Fun!



Thank you to the wonderful army of volunteers who worked so hard to ensure that everyone had a wonderful Oktoberfest event. Everything was great...the room setup, the table decorations, the food, the music and the raffle prizes! Special thanks to Sharon Boeck, who headed the committee and organized the event & volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who brought in homemade sides to accompany the pounds of brats cooked by Herb Savage, Jr. The volunteers who served the tasty food, the bartenders, the clean up crew, Wanda Schmeltzer's potato pancakes (always a favorite) and last but not least, the music by our very own Craig Greusel, David Karlin & Ron Lisch—they were absolutely the perfect addition to the day!

We are a truly blessed congregation to be able to enjoy such wonderful food and fellowship.



OUTREACH

By Lili Surber

-November Mission of the Month-

Once again, The Outreach Board is sponsoring Thanksgiving Blessing Bags. These bags will help underprivileged families in our community. Each bag will be filled with side items from a list provided to help our neighbors in need to have a blessed Thanksgiving. We will also be partnering with our local PUBLIX to complete a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. These bags will also contain information regarding all of our upcoming events at Marco Lutheran Church.

To participate, please pick up an empty blessing bag at The Ministry Center. The deadline for bags to be returned is **Monday, November 14**. We will have a safe drive through event on **Saturday, November 19 from 9-12:30 p.m.** to distribute the blessing bags.

To participate in the distribution, please sign-up at The Ministry Center, or call the Church office or contact Sharon Boeck at ssboeck@comcast.net.

We need many hands to make this event successful. You do not need to be a member of the outreach board to participate. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!**



PASTOR APPRECIATION

The congregation thanked our wonderful Pastors with a reception after Worship on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We are SO thankful to have not only one, but two incredible pastors! Thank you Lord for our many blessings.



David Contessa

Disaster Response: Hurricane Ian

When disaster strikes, we stand with our clients and their friends and families. If you have friends or family affected by Hurricane Ian in the Southeast, you can use your Thrivent Action Teams to help!

Apply for your Thrivent Action Team today at <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam>

Use Promo code: SOUTHhurricane2022 to help expedite the processing of your Action Team so you can serve your community faster. Promo code expires on 1/1/2023.

Want to help another way, but not sure how?

You can also assist those in need by donating to specified organizations online via Thrivent's online giving platform and/or directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars too!

Don't forget to join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region this month for our upcoming events.

November 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ET | [The Easiest Way to Win College Scholarships—Starting in 8th Grade](#)

Jeannie Burlowski is a nationally recognized college planning speaker. She is an academic strategist, podcast host, speaker for students ages 10–26 and their parents/grandparents—and she is the author of the book LAUNCH: How to Get Your Kids Through College Debt-Free and Into Jobs They Love Afterward.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/WinForCollege>

Watch for additional Thrivent online events, including our free December concerts!

Check us out at- <https://www.thrivent.com/member-network/southeast/events>

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